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Step Afrika! wows audience with loud, energetic show

By Jelani Yancey KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

With a blend of dance moves that shifted playfully between adroit precision and wild whirling, six members of Step Afrika! brought McCain Auditorium's buzzing crowd to its feet with applause Monday night.

Step Afrika! was savvy and artful as constant energy and rhythm marked the two-hour performance. At times, the thunder of stomping gave the impression that the performers were tap-dancing in 20-pound shoes.

"For those two tall ones, it's amazing how they have that degree of control," said Blake Hallinan, sophomore in English, referring to dancers Aseelah Shareef and Delaunce Jackson.

Dancer Ryan Johnson took a moment to explain the history behind the group's origin. Stepping is a form of dancing that began among black sororities and fraternities in the early 20th century. Those organizations still teach stepping to new members as part of the pledging process.

"It's a highly percussive, energetic dance style that uses the hands, the feet, the body and the voice as an instrument," said Brian Williams, founder of Step Afrika!

While working in South Africa, Williams observed a dance performed by local mine workers called the gumboot dance. Noticing its similarity to the stepping he had learned at Howard University as a member of Alpha Phi Alpha, Williams collaborated with the South African dancers to institute

the Step Afrika International Cultural Festival in 1994. He established Step Afrika! in the United States in 1996.

"The history, combined with the energy, was amazing. This was just fabulous," said Lisa Tatonetti, assistant professor of English and American ethnic studies.

Step Afrika! employed self-mocking humor frequently. For their first vignette, the dancers performed a campy step-infused skit showing a rivalry between a fraternity and a sorority. The rest of the performance was peppered with comic moments expressed both in dialogue and dance.

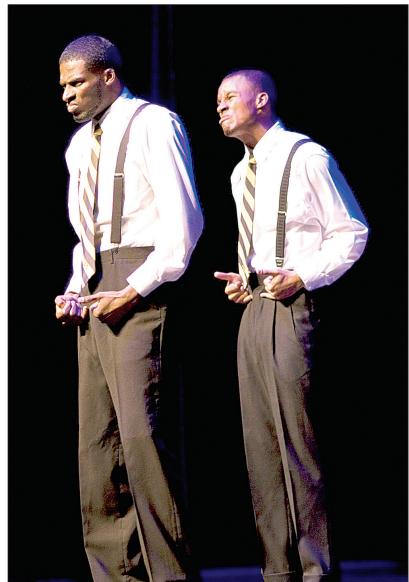
Shareef stressed the importance of audience participation before the dancing began. "The more energy you give to the performance, the more we give back," she said.

Accordingly, throughout the evening, the audience whooped and cheered whenever wowed by a fancy move.

"I hooted and hollered as much as I could," said Manhattan resident Ruth Fox. "If I was a little younger, I'd have gone down there myself."

An hour into the show, 22 audience members did exactly that. They were invited by the dancers to line up on stage and learn a step pattern. Not long after that, those neophytes performed their brief routine for the audience.

"I want to do that show again," said Evan Prescott, a 5-year-old Manhattan resident, who went onstage and returned to his family minutes later as a vastly better stepper.



in accounting, and Careem Gladney, senior in finance, pose in the middle of their routine Monday night in McCain Auditorium. The group opened for Step Afrika!

of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity

Inc. Adrian Carter, senior

Photos by Sara Manco COLLEGIAN

Regents interview president finalists

Staff Report KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The Kansas Board of Regents met Monday to begin interviewing finalists for the K-State presidency, with the process scheduled to continue today.

Though the meetings are closed to the public, Regents had earlier indicated they would interview two candidates to become President Jon Wefald's successor.

The finalists are Kirk Schulz, vice president of economic development and research at Mississippi State University, and Robert Kennedy, president of the University of Maine.

The board is expected to announce its decision by the end of the month.

K-State Proud begins campaign week with theme days

By Tim SchragKANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

This year marks the third winter the K-State Proud campaign has been working to raise money for students.

K-State Proud is a student philanthropy group that raises scholarship funds for student leaders and students that might not otherwise be able to attend K-State, often because of financial circumstances, by collecting donations from other students.

Students who make a donation of \$10 or more to the K-State Proud campaign receive a free t-shirt as a thank-you gift for their support.

Students can make donations in the K-State Student Union this week from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. or by going to www.found.ksu.edu/k-stateproud and following the instructions.

K-State Proud is encouraging students to wear their shirts to the Sunflower Showdown Feb. 14 in order to create a "blizzard in Bramlage." This year's Tshirt is white and features the 2009 K-State Proud logo, which was designed by Briana Vogel, senior in graphic design, and selected by the Proud advisory board. The board consists of 30 student leaders who were chosen by the K-State Proud campaign planning committee, which also chose the co-chairs. Katie Niederee, junior in public relations, and Andrew Satterlee, junior in chemical engineering, are serving as co-chairs of the 2009 K-State Proud student campaign.

"To me, K-State Proud means students helping other students through philanthropy," Niederee said. "By donating for a K-State Proud shirt, it shows

your support of our K-State family."

Madison Loeb, senior in political science and chairman of the K-State Proud student opportunity awards allocations committee, said the student-led committee collects applications and nominations for the student opportunity awards year-round. She also said 100 percent of the money raised by the campaign is returned to students through the student opportunity awards.

opportunity awards.

Any K-State student is eligible to receive an award, including graduate students, veterinary school students and students at K-State-Salina. Loeb also said many of the students who receive these

awards are nontraditional students.

Ryan Wilkerson, sophomore in finance and accounting and K-State Proud advisory board member, said there are two different types of student opportunity awards: the Hero award, which consist of five \$500 scholarships given away each semester to nominees who have done outstanding things for K-State; and the Proud award, which is given to students who are in great financial need.

Loeb said the student allocations committee meets weekly to review applications and make awards based on the level of students' need. About 85 Proud awards have been awarded. The average

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Feb. 8-

Stop by the K-State Student Union between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to make a donation of \$10 or more and receive the 2009 K-State Proud shirt.

Every day:

Sign the "I am K-State Proud" poster.

Today:

Tradition Day
Wear any K-State Proud shirt and
be entered into a drawing.

Wednesday:

Picture Day
Wear your 2009 Proud shirt and get
your photo taken with Willie from

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Show your pride at the men's basketball game against Texas Tech

Thursday:

Wear your 2009 Proud shirt and receive a free scoop of Call Hall ice cream from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Friday:

Proud to be your Valentine Stop by the booth to decorate a Valentine courtesy of K-State Proud.

Saturday:

Wear your K-State Proud shirt for a Blizzard in Bramlage at the men's basketball game against KU.

Monday:

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THE PLANNER

CAMPUS BULLETIN BOARD

The Engineering Career Fair will be today on the second floor of the K-State Student Union, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. It is sponsored by Career and Employment Services. For more information, www.kstate.edu/ces.

"Wildcat Watch" will feature the K-State Proud campaign kick-off. See www.k-state.tv for air times.

Little American Royal, sponsored by the Block and Bridle and Dairy Science clubs, is a livestock show using universityowned animals. Participants have the chance to work with and show a dairy or beef heifer, lamb, pig or horse. It is open to all K-State students, with a scholarship contest open to all participants. Sign-ups will be in Weber and Call Halls today and Wednesday. LAR is April 18. For more information, contact show president Billy Brown at brownb@ksu.edu.

Applications for Student Alumni Board are now available at the K-State Alumni Center or online at www.k-state.com/sah Applications are due by 5 p.m. Wednesday at the Alumni Center.

Walk-in Wednesday will be from noon to 4 p.m. Wednesday at Holtz Hall. It is sponsored by Career and Employment Services.

The Beach Museum of Art will sponsor a concert by the Tallgrass Trio, with music inspired by an exhibition of Birger

Sandzen's work, at 7 p.m. Thursday. The concert is \$10 per person and desserts are provided. Reservations are required by today and can be made by calling 785-532-7718.

A rape survivor support group, for students affected by **sexual assault, is** a new group forming through the K-State Women's Center. The first meeting is 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 17 in Holton 206. For more information, visit www.k-state.edu/womenscenter or call 785-532-6444.

the doctoral dissertation of Robyn Seglem at 1 p.m. Feb. 18 in Bluemont 368. The thesis topic is "It's Like Having a Library, And You Don't Get to Go: Educators Negotiating Boundaries When Working With New Literacies."

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of

internships at 5 p.m. Feb. 18 and 12:30 p.m. Feb. 19 in K-State Student Union 213. Applications for Mortar Board National Senior Honor So-

The Disney College Program will give presentations on

ciety are now available online at www.k-state.edu/mortarboard. Juniors and seniors with 75 or more credit hours and a 3.0 GPA are encouraged to apply. Applications are due by noon Feb. 20.

The Student Homecoming Committee is seeking

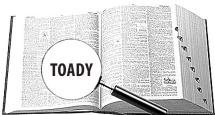
applicants. Pick up an application at the Alumni Center or complete one online at www.k-state.com/homecoming. Applications are due Feb. 25 at 5 p.m.

Recreational Services is offering an eight-session Noontime Nutrition class for K-State students and faculty members interested in learning more about making better food choices. The class will meet from 12:15-12:45 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning March 3. The \$25 registration fee includes all 8 sessions. Sign up by Feb. 27 in the administrative office at Peters Recreation Complex. For more information, contact Melissa Haug at 785-532-6980.

A \$500 scholarship for the fall semester for nontraditional students is being offered by the League of Women Voters. The deadline is March 15. Check with the Office of Nontraditional Student Services, Holton 101 or www.ksu.edu/adult/scholarships for more information.

The Planner is the Collegian's bulletin board service. To place an item in the Planner, stop by Kedzie 116 and fill out a form or e-mail news editor Ann Conrad at news@ spub.ksu.edu by 11 a.m. two days before it is to run. Some items might not appear because of space constraints, but are guaranteed to appear on the day of the activity.

WORD OF THE WEEK ...



toady \TOH-dee\

1. a fawning flatterer; humble dependent

1. to attempt to gain favor by fawning or being servile

EXAMPLE SENTENCES:

The freshman was the senior's toady even though many made fun of her.

They came backstage and toadied to the actor.

This noun might have been shortened from toad-eater, originally referring to the assistant of a charlatan, who ate a toad - believed to be poisonous - to enable his master to display his skill in expelling the poison. The verb is recorded from 1827.

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All donations establish Student **Opportunity Awards. The money raised** from the last two campaigns enabled more than 80 students to receive awards with more then \$100,000 distributed to date.

Be K-State Proud Feb. 9–13!

Speaker connects sustainable agriculture to nonviolence

By Sarah Rajewski KANAS STATE COLLEGIAN

With one simple click of the mouse, the issues of nonviolence and sustainable agriculture were easily combined Monday night.

However, Rhonda Janke, associate professor of horticulture, who presented "Connecting the Dots at K-State: Sustainability, Food Systems and Nonviolence," said the solution was not as

She began her presentation in the K-State Student Union Little Theatre with a Venn Diagram that had the "dots" of nonviolence and sustainable agriculture separated. She connected them easily in her graphic, but said the merger is not quite as simple in

One of the things

holding us back is the conventional world," Janke, as she pointed to a large brown block she had labeled as the world, separating the two circles. "This is a big pool of mud and we're sort of stuck."

Janke said sustainable agriculture is only practiced by a small number of people, but the growers are affecting many others. She called this the "Pea Under the Mattress" effect. Janke said only 1 percent of farmers practice sustainable agriculture, yet 68 percent of people have tried organic

"Sustainable agriculture will not be truly sustainable unless it's taking place in a sustainable society," Janke said.

Janke said there are things people can do locally to support sustainable agriculture. They can purchase food at www.kansasrivervalley.com, which supports local growers. According to the Web site, the project is a joint K-State and Kansas Rural Center initiative to connect local growers with people who want to purchase larger quantities of

Janke also said people could purchase flowers for holidays, like Valentine's Day, that are certified by Veriflora. Flowers with this label are natural and not imported from other coun-

Janke said simple actions like these build relationships essential for nonviolence.

"It is up to you to connect the dots," Janke said. Cammie Lehman, ju-

nior in women's studies, said she thought Janke did a good job making the connection between the food people eat and food systems in general.

"I think she made it really easy to understand how those two concepts are linked and connected to one another," Lehman

After the presentation, many members of the audience stayed around for a discussion. Torry Dickinson, professor of women's studies, said it was one of the few times she has seen a really good discussion after a lecture.

"I was so excited to see what people brought here and they also took things that she was saying and integrated them together," she

The presentation was part of the "Season For Nonviolence" which lasts



Lisle Alderton | COLLEGIAN

Rhonda Janke, associate professor of horticulture, shares her thoughts on sustainable agriculture Monday night.

from Jan. 30 to April 4 each year. According to the Campaign for Nonviolence's Web site, the season started as a national 64-day campaign to demonstrate the effects of nonviolence.

"Really, nonviolence is larger than not shooting someone, or something like that," Lehman said. "It's about many different types of relationships and con-

COOL WITH THE SHADES

College students enjoy Saturday's warm weather as they gather on Laramie Street for "Fraturday." **Andrew** Chase, junior in graphic design and journalism, and Kelley-Jean Peete, junior in nutrition fitness, talk together at the

Chelsy Lueth

party.



K-State is participating in a national 10-week recycling competition. Here are the university's results from the past three weeks: Current Rank in Total Recycling: 176 out of 247. Totals: Week 1 Week 2 Week 3

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TO THE POINT

TO THE POINT is an editorial selected and debated by the editorial board and written after a majority opinion is formed. This is the Collegian's official opinion.

Month's events relevant to all

For most students, **Black History Month** is just like every other month of the school year – with tests, homework and maybe a little drinking. But for many black students, it is a month of appreciation for the leaders of the past and a celebration of cul-

Why should students who are not black be any different?

The students involved in Black Student Union and several other campus organizations work tirelessly to present a variety of events for students, faculty and community members to attend to celebrate and learn about black history throughout the month.

Just look at this week. There is an event planned each day, including a national step show that took place Monday night at McCain Auditorium, a lecture from an NPR host tonight, and live jazz Thursday in the K-State Student Union Courtyard. Now, who doesn't like a little jazz?

We don't expect students to go to every one of these events, but they can stop by and admire the work of fellow students and faculty and the amount of work they put in to present these events and learn a little about black history as well.

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Beyond the Sun

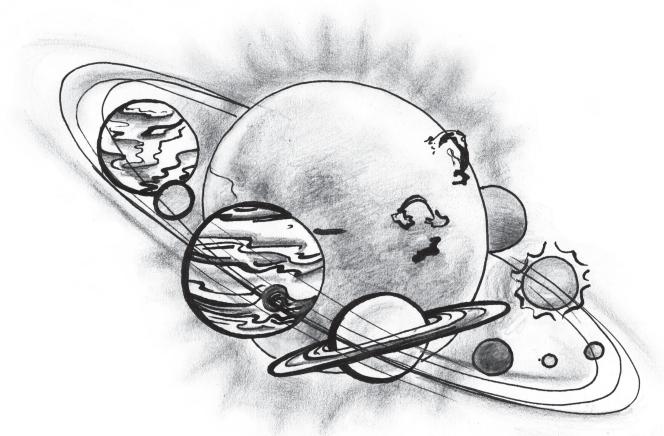


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Funding for space exploration should not be questioned



ADAM PHAM

How is it possible that there's even a debate about whether we ought to fund the U.S. space program?

Forget about imagination for a minute. The program's costs are relatively low and amortize over time, and its contribution to the long-term health and survival of our civilization is probably essential. (Stephen Hawking thinks we won't survive another millennium cramped together on Earth alone; I remain slightly more optimistic.) The exploration of the cosmos is the paradigmatic example of a good global expenditure, and to forsake it for some kind of supposed economic reason is to miss the point of our existence in the most misguided kind

And if we are to consider our imagination, then there could not possibly be an investment that pays better dividends. Mars might seem positively ordinary by now, given its extensive coverage, but if you've been paying attention, you've been rewarded for

it; the Martian expanse is inconceivably marvelous and paradoxical.

Vivid, Technicolor pictures from midday are themselves already enough of an achievement, but even more evocative are those panoramic shots of the long Martian dusk, which could be mistaken for portraits of evening in the American Southwest. Well, they almost could; the dull blue sunset and the miniature sun on the horizon betray the fact that this eerily familiar landscape is actually very, very far from home.

The few photos we have from Venus, on the other hand, are mere glimpses into a murky heart of darkness; at a thousand degrees Fahrenheit and ninety atmospheres of pressure, the Venusian surface only allows our cameras to survive long enough to tell us how much sharper we'll have to bene before our footsteps may follow.

The iconic photos taken during our visits so many years ago to our nearest celestial neighbor – which in lacking any atmosphere, has both a surface bathed in blinding sunlight and a sky blacker than the darkest Terran night – have long provided us with a kind of surreal beauty.

Most extraordinary of all, I think, is the single grainy image captured by the Huygens probe not five years ago. It might as well just be a photo of some rusty, rocklittered undeveloped property in the middle of Riley County, except that it happens to have been taken on Titan, the largest moon

Saturn, nearly a billion miles away. These humble images - easily accessible through a Google Image Search or even

on some of their respective Wikipedia pages – provide us with a haunting sense of cosmic insignificance and a profound sense of human achievement; they provide the seam between the past and the future of our species, and they leave us spellbound in the process.

This month, NASA will have to decide between some very important competing projects. They'll have to decide whether they should fund a comprehensive voyage to the Saturnian system or a similar voyage to the Jovian system, but if some other project ultimately looks more inviting, they won't fund either.

To select Saturn is to return triumphantly to Titan to analyze its ocean of hydrocarbons, and to visit Enceladus with its volcanic activity and suggestion of microbial life; to select Jupiter is to visit Europa, with its rolling hills of ice and its subterranean oceans, and to meet Ganymede and Callisto, two moons certain to be future outposts.

In any case, a very large and significant portion of the outer solar system will go uncharted for the foreseeable future, or perhaps all of it.

And for what?

So we can build a couple more ephemeral monuments at home?

We must fund our space program. We

simply must.

Adam Pham is a senior in economics and philosophy. Please send comments to opinion@spub.ksu.edu.

Silence, solitude essential to lead healthy life



HOPSON

We are in the midst of a new semester, and I already feel the weight of the world on my shoulders. I know I am not the only one who is feeling stressed and overwhelmed. Every day I see more careworn faces just barely masking their tired souls.

I think we all need to escape from this world of busyness.

I remember going to a youth conference a few years ago and attending a seminar on silence and

solitude. I did not think much of it at the time. It had a catchy title nice alliteration. So I listened to the speaker, jotted down a few notes and thought he had some decent points about silence and solitude helping you physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually. He also pointed out that Jesus Christ would often go off on his own to pray in the wilderness. It sounded like a good idea at the time, but not all that necessary or practical for someone as ordinary as me. I never actually made an attempt to apply the challenge to my own life.

Silence. And solitude. Hmm ... I am a pretty quiet person. I like being alone sometimes. Do I purposefully seek out silence and solitude?

In her book, "Between Walden and the Whirlwind: Living the Christ-Centered Life," Jean Fleming observes, "We live in a noisy, busy world. Silence and solitude are not 20th-century words. They fit the

era of Victorian lace, high-button shoes and kerosene lamps better than our age of television, video arcades and joggers wired with earphones. We have become a people with an aversion to quiet and uneasiness with being alone."

We are surrounded by noise 24/7. We have a need for constant stimulation. We allow technology to take over our precious downtime. We replace boredom with meaningless time fillers to while away the hours until our next pointless meeting.

Sometimes I just want to run away from all of my priorities and obligations and get away from all distractions. I want the freedom to take as much time as I want to think, to ponder, to reflect, to mull over life experiences.

The poet William Wordsworth wrote, "When from our better selves we have too long been parted by the hurrying world, and

droop; Sick of its business, of its pleasures tired; How gracious, how benign, is solitude."

I think the pursuit of silence and solitude will help us learn more about our hearts, dreams, hopes, desires and passions. Even more importantly, I believe that if we honestly seek clarity and understanding, we will come to terms with ourselves. Practicing silence and solitude will help us learn to be at peace with ourselves and ultimately help find serenity and joy. I think we all need to set aside some time for ourselves to be quiet because deep down we all want more time to discover who we really are and decide what is important in

Kelsey Hopson is a sophomore in English and music. Please send comments to opinion@spub.

I just got pulled over in Lawrence

because I didn't have a popped collar.

Dear Taylor Swift, thanks for a great

To the two cute Kappas jazzercizing in

the quad: Can we get your numbers?

Plaid shorts. You must be from KU.

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When will K-State girls realize that smoking is more unattractive than when you're fat and try to wear Spandex?

Village Inn: 11 pancakes. I bet you can't do it.

Village Inn, 6 p.m. Sunday. I had 11 pancakes also.

What's that little fairy thing on Saturday? Oh, it's Cupid. Great job, news reporter.

Hitler shaved his mustache.

Landscape architecture says "Hey" from Denver. We're drunk.

The top 10 things to look for in a girlfriend — No. 10: She has to have No. 9: She has to have blonde hair. Or red. Or brunette. Actually, she doesn't

No. 8: Why was No. 10 vagina?

even have to have hair.

It be like bam, bam, bam.

My head is pulsing like a techno party playing way too much Benny Benassi

Why are there five cop cars at Kappa

Luis Colon, dunk it already.

To the CRV girl: Of course I'll go to your formal with you. But let's meet first.

AIDS was definitely started in Lawrence.

The burning of Lawrence: We should try it again.

Is it bad that my roommate wants to

do her RA?

I think I'm going to get drunk Wednesday.

I'm going to rock your world. Wait, better. I'm going to boulder your

is getting through it.

The only good thing about Lawrence

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road trip.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2009

WEEKLY HOROSCOPE



Aquarius Jan. 20 -Feb. 18 You're about to give

birth to one of life's greatest miracles. Unfortunately for you, it's the one with the multiplying loaves and fishes.



Pisces Feb. 19 -March 20

The old publicspeaking trick of imagining the audience naked has served you well in the past, but that was before you had to give a talk to a room full of burn victims



Aries March 21 -April 19

All your questions will soon be answered, including: what's that noise, who turned off all the lights, and why why —won't it stop feeding on



Taurus April 20 -May 20

You always knew your girlfriend was going to be high maintenance. Still, never did you imagine you'd be replacing the internal combustion engine by yourself.



Gemini May 21 -June 21

money more than anything else in the world, but then they've never seen you around a stack of pancakes.



Cancer June 22 -**July 22**

Be sure to choose your words carefully this week as you've only got about seven of them



Leo July 23 -

Aug. 22 When you were born they threw away the mold. Also, they threw away the glass womb, the intravenous feeding tubes, the contaminated petri dishes and most of the funding.



Virgo Aug. 23 - Sept.

The thought of an invisible man who lives above the clouds and judges all of mankind might seem silly to you, but, hey, that's Greg.



Libra Sept. 23 – Oct.

You'll soon see yourself in a whole new light, which is too bad, as it's the kind police investigators use to check for



Scorpio Oct. 24 -Nov. 21

The stars indicate professional success in the days to come, though it's quite difficult for them to keep a straight face during it.



Sagittarius Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

It might not be today, and it might not be tomorrow, but you'll soon come to regret staging a pie-eating contest to select a

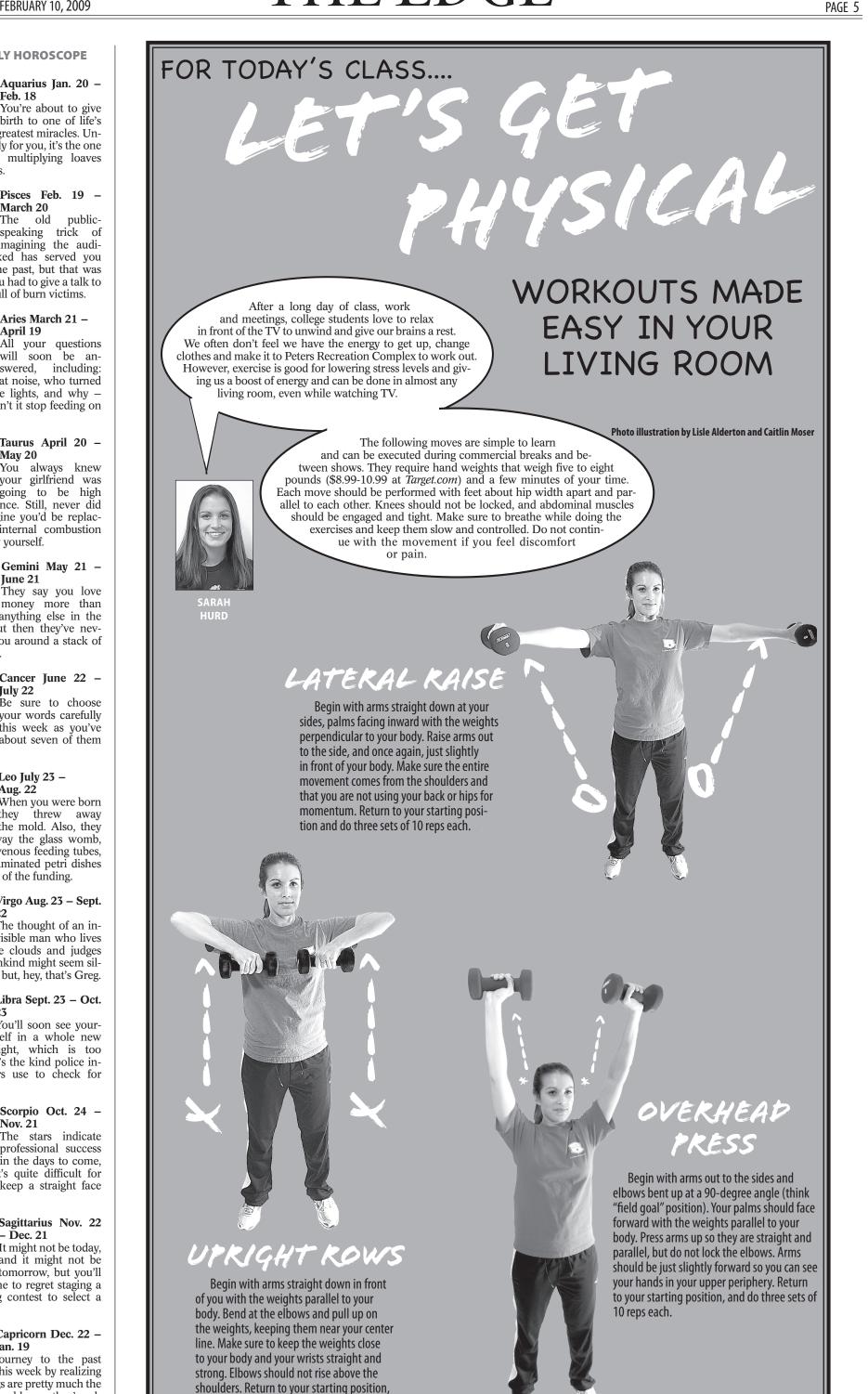


ways been.

Capricorn Dec. 22 -Jan. 19

Journey to the past this week by realizing that things are pretty much the same miserable way they've al-

'—theonion.com



LIFE AS AN AWKWARD GRAD STUDENT

Trip to KC airport, soldiers' goodbye mark beginning of air adventure



REICHENBERGER

"I'm kind of surprised you're not driving out there?

My friend Joe was driving me to the airport in Kansas City, Mo. It was about 6 a.m., and he was

questioning me about my trip. "I would have if I had more

"When do you get back?"

and do three sets of 10 reps each.

"Saturday." It was Thursday morning. "So you're flying all the way out there for a day?

"Day and a half." "I hate you. Why are you go-

ing out there? I turned to him as my eyebrows asked without words, "Why

"I hate you, but I love you,

too." "Love you too, Joe."

We arrived at Kansas City International, or rather MCI, now. Am I just imagining it, or wasn't that airport always known as KCI? I thought it was Kansas City International. Makes sense. What is

MCI? I don't like it.

So we arrived at KCI, and he pulled around into terminal A. I grabbed my bag and said goodbye. "Thanks for the ride, kid. I'll see you in a few days."

"You got a ride back, right?" "Yes, sir. My friend Blake's

picking me up?

"W̃ho's Blake?"

"Doesn't matter. Have fun at

I stepped into the airport with a smile and headed down to Starbucks to buy a black coffee and

"We won't toast that." That statement from the barista kind of threw me for a loop. I didn't ask for anything toasted.

"Sure," I said. In hindsight,

it would have been much better

I sat outside the gated security area and sipped my coffee. Across from me, a soldier and his wife sat. Her eyes were closed as she leaned in over him, resting her head on his chest. She appeared to be sleeping. Her makeup had run

all down her face. As I stood in line, another soldier was trying to say goodbye to his sister. His proud father was smiling big, nodding his head. His mother's left hand held his, while her right held tight to a wad of tissue. The sister was crying, louder and louder, refusing to say goodbye, louder and louder, hating her brother, louder and louder and louder. She hugged him hard and

ran off.

I felt worthless. Ahead of me, a mother and daughter spoke humorously in Italian.

Around 8 a.m., I boarded flight 1871. Seat 27E. There was an hour layover in Dallas that made no sense to me, and hating Texas as I do, I was not looking forward to it. An hour in an airport, though ... I figured I was fine.

But as usual I was wrong. Dead wrong.

To be continued tomorrow ...

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KANSAS STATE **COLLEGIAN**

A-Rod scandal hurts MLB



DORNES

Well, that just about does it for the credibility of Major League Baseball.

The one player who MLB couldn't afford to get caught using steroids has been found with his hand in the proverbial cookie

Over the weekend, sources leaked information to Sports Illustrated that in 2003, Alex Rodriguez tested positive for performance-enhancing drugs.

In the year he was caught using steroids, all he accomplished was to hit for a .298 batting average, 47 home runs and 118 RBIs. Oh, and those numbers were good enough to win him the American League Most Valuable Player award for that season.

In a sport built on numbers and statistics and in a time when the sport has never been under more scrutiny, Rodriguez was the one player everyone considered

to be clean. ESPN's Jayson Stark said it best: "Once, the numbers of baseball used to mean something special and magical. And the men who compiled those numbers were transcendent figures in American life. But not now. Not anymore. Now we've arrived at this sad and tragic place where the players missing from the Hall of Fame will tower over the men who are actually in the Hall of Fame?

And that's just it. With this positive test there is nothing A-Rod can do. No matter how many homers he hits or championships he wins he will probably never, and deservedly so, make it into the Hall of Fame.

But "A-Fraud" is just the latest superstar athlete to get caught. Barry Bonds, Mark McGwire, Sammy Sosa and Roger Clemens all have Hall of Fame numbers but have tested positive for performance-enhancing drugs.

Honestly, I don't blame the players. I blame Major League Baseball itself. The test in which A-Rod tested positive was a survey test the league was conducting to see if there was a need for mandatory steriod testing in the Major League.

There was no punishment in 2003 for a positive test, and along with A-Rod, a total of 104 players tested positive for steroids that year. The other notable name that was leaked was former Boston Red Sox pitcher Curt Schilling.

I always believed A-Rod was clean. Over the years he got bigger, but he never ballooned up the way Bonds did.

But his positive test has made me wonder about other notable players, like Albert Pujols, Ken Griffey Jr. and Manny Ramirez. All of these players have put up gaudy, if not Hall of Fame, numbers. But the question still remains: Are they clean?

On Monday, A-Rod admitted to ESPN's Peter Gammons that he did take steroids for a threeyear period beginning in 2001.

'I did take a banned substance," he said. "For that, I am very sorry and deeply regretful.'

Admitting he used a banned substance was the right thing to do for Rodriguez. Clemens and McGwire denied ever using steroids and have been blasted by

the media and fans ever since. But the damage has been done. And for the rest of his career, in every press conference and in every interview, reporters will hound him and he will be forced to defend his actions.

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Sporting thoughts

K-State Presidential candidates talk athletics during campus visits

By Brad Dornes KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

With the Kansas Board of Regents interviewing the two K-State presidential finalists Monday and today, here is what both said about the future of Wildcat athletics. The board will make its pick by the end of the month.



ROBERT KENNEDY

President, **University of Maine** 2005-present Administrative Experience: 26 years

ATHLETICS

Kennedy said "athletics are very important to the university," connect K-State "to the broader community" and provide "statewide pride." He also said athletics have "been described as the front porch to the university."

STUDENT SUCCESS

Kennedy said that student success is important in athletics. He also said more than half of the athletes at the University of Maine have a GPA of 3.0 or better.

"I do admire the commitment [student-athletes] make to be successful on the field as well as in the classroom," he said. Students should "concentrate on the academic side of athletics just as much as the success on the field."

"Athletics bring donors to the campus and get the campus positive exposure," he said.



KIRK SCHULZ

Vice President of Research and Economic Development, Mississippi State University 2007-present Administrative Experience: 15 years

ATHLETICS

Schulz said athletics "are critical because of TV exposure. Success of football and men's and women's basketball has brought good exposure to the university." He said K-State's national reputation has been enhanced because of athletics.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF

"I would love, as a fan, to see college football played out that way. The problem is you have to stop the season so much earlier and it would be hard to figure out how the bowls would fit in," Schulz said.

"I don't want our student athletes playing football until February; it is just too late. I would want to talk to Coach [Bill] Snyder and the athletic director to get their viewpoints on it. But if I had to choose right now, the answer would be no," he

Roller hockey club returns from Big 12 play

By Grant Guggisberg KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The K-State Roller Hockey Club ventured to Denton, Texas, last weekend to play Big 12 teams, something that had never happened before in the team's history.

"This trip [was] exciting because we [got] to play Big 12 teams," said Zac Buckmiller, senior in architectural engineering and club president. "We regularly play Missouri, but that's our only Big 12 competition."

The team does not have any home games because the Manhattan area does not have a regulation-size rink, but practices in Junction City on a smaller

The Peters Recreation Complex expansion, which was approved last year, includes plans for a rink.

"The Rec expansion is huge for us," Buckmiller said. "There are plans for a rink, but it's still up in the air how big it will be, and if it will be regulation size."

The club at K-State is open to any student regardless of experience level.

"We've got guys who have showed up and fallen flat on their face because they've never skated before in their life," said Jerry Remsbecker, who is in his tenth year as volunteer coach of the team. "We take anybody who's interested. We'll get them out here and help them improve their game."

Many of the team's members grew up playing ice hockey, which is a much different game. Since the game is played on inline skates, the rules are adjusted to make it less physical.

"I've been playing for about 15 years," said Nate Buckner, junior in accounting and team member. "I played mostly ice hockey, so a big adjustment for me was not checking people because it's not al-

According to its Web site, the team has been around for more than a decade, and has enjoyed a fair amount of success since joining the National Collegiate Roller Hockey Association five years ago.

"We made it to the Final Four at na-tionals a few years back," Remsbecker said. "That's tough to do because many schools around the country fully fund

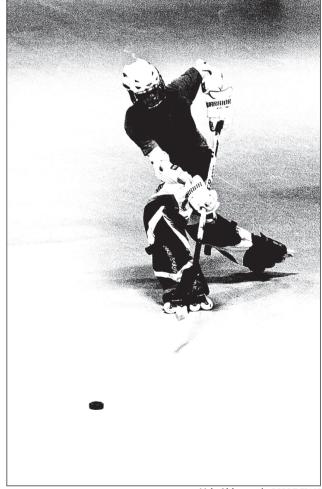
"When the rink in the Rec is completed, it should allow us to become a much more competitive team because we will be able to practice as often as our competition. Despite losing our four matches [against Texas, Texas Tech, Texas A&M, and Texas-Arlington], we worked hard and progressed as a

Student Governing Association helps fund the club, but players pay \$200 in dues each year and pay for their own lodging on trips.

We fundraise as much as we can, but that is really cheap for hockey," Buckmiller said.

While the team does not play any home matches, it does play an alumni game each year at Spin City in Junction

the team's Web site, ksu.edu/hockey.



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More information can be found on A K-State roller hockey player practices Thursday in Junction

'BLIZZARD IN BRAMLAGE'

T-shirt price: Free with \$10 donation to K-State Proud campaign

When: Saturday

Why: K-State Proud, the university's student philanthropic campaign, is back for its third year with a Blizzard in Bramlage. With a minimum donation of \$10, students will receive a free white 2009 K-State Proud T-shirt to wear to Saturday's men's basketball game against KU.

Where to Buy: Shirts can be purchased at the K-State Student Union Courtyard, K-State Super

Store or Cats Closet in Manhattan.

'PINK ZONE'

T-shirt price: \$10

When: Sunday Why: The "Pink Zone" initiative helps the Women's Basketball Coaches Association assist in raising breast cancer awareness on the court, across campuses and in communities. The women's basketball team will wear pink jerseys to match fans' shirts for the Oklahoma State game on Sunday.

Where to Buy: Shirts can be purchased at any home game, the K-State Super Store or Cats

Closet in Manhattan.

Valentine's Day ideas abound for those on a budget

By Moira Niebauer KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Money is tight this year, and you're feeling the pressure to create a perfect romantic Valentine's Day for your significant other. Skip the expensive chocolates, flowers, dinner and a movie this year - and instead show your love how much you care with a fun, original date that won't leave you selling plasma to pay off your credit card. Not attached? Try any of these ideas with your friends. Either way, spend the day with those you love without spending a lot.

FOR MOVIE BUFFS

Instead of spending \$15 on movie tickets and another \$12 on popcorn and candy, stay in this year. Rent or watch movies you already own. Watch the movie you saw on your first date together, or have a marathon of all your favorites. For a romantic evening, rent one of the classics like "Casablanca," "Breakfast at Tiffany's" or "An Affair to Remember." Pick store, snuggle up on the couch and enjoy the movie.

FOR ANIMAL LOVERS

Visit the local animal shelter at 605 Levee Drive together. Visitors can view the animals anytime, or after one training class, you can walk and interact with the animals, according to Rebecca Holmes, animal technician at the shelter. Later, visit Sunset Zoological Park together. Take advantage of the zoo's Febru-

up candy and popcorn at the grocery ary deal: buy one adult ticket, and get one free. Tickets for adults are \$4, so you can enjoy the animals together for only \$2 each.

FOR SPORTS FANS

This could be the best Valentine's Day ever for you. Start your special day by showing your support for the K-State men's basketball team when it plays KU at 2:30 p.m. Remember to wear your K-State Proud shirt for the Blizzard in Bramlage. After picking up some beer, head home, make nachos, grill some burgers on the George Foreman grill, and settle in for a night of basketball on TV.

FOR THE HUMANITARIAN COUPLE

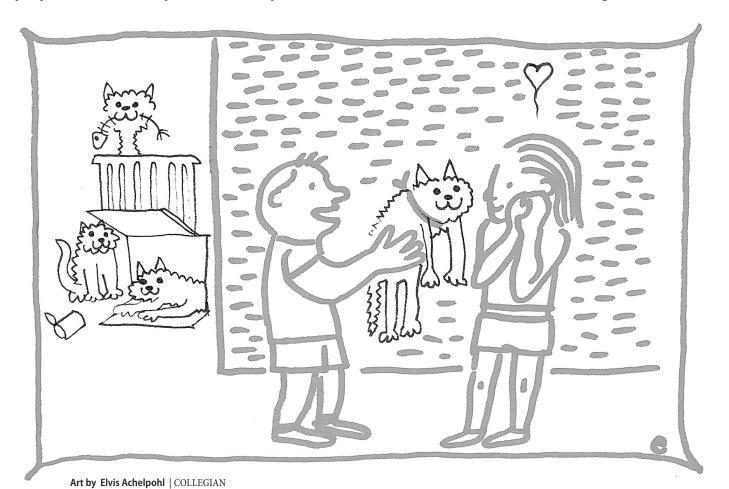
Spread the love and celebrate the day together by serving the community. There are many volunteer opportunities here in Manhattan. Contact the K-State Volunteer Center of Manhattan at 785-532-3670 or at www.ksu.edu/volunteercenter to find the perfect way to give back this Valentine's Day.

FOR NATURE LOVERS

Take a hike on your favorite trail at Tuttle Creek State Park or in the Flint Hills. Pack a lunch and enjoy a romantic picnic at your favorite scenic spot. Then, learn more about the natural world by visiting the K-State Insect Zoo. Admission is \$2, and more information can be found at www.ksu.edu/butterfly.

FOR THE HOPELESS ROMANTICS

If a picture-perfect dinner for two is your Valentine's dream, look up a fun, inexpensive recipe and spend time cooking together. Buy a bottle of wine, light some candles, stare into each other's eyes, and enjoy the delicious home-cooked meal.



Perfect films can set the mood, whether lighthearted or serious

By Amanda Keim KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The atmosphere is perfect. Rose petals dance across chestnut floorboards, ivory candles spread a soft light on the walls, and the soft couch cushions smell of vanilla.

Only one thing is missing. In front of the soft couch sits a television in dire need of a romantic film that will tug at heartstrings to create the ideal Valentine's Day.

THE COMEDIC COUPLE

Nothing compares to a movie that will tickle both the heart and the tummy. A couple that loves to laugh together is looking for a romantic comedy. And on Valentine's Day, it is essential that whatever film is chosen has an ending that will leave viewers in a fit of hysterics and affection.

"What Happens in Vegas," starring Ashton Kutcher and Cameron Diaz, is the story of two people who find each other while escaping failed relationships in Las Vegas. A wild night in Sin City becomes an unexpected mar-

The two strangers are ordered by a judge to spend the next six months together when Jack (Kutcher) wins a \$3

As the newlyweds attempt to sabotage each other and the marriage, viewers are presented with a slew of new ways to torment each other while reminiscing about moments that make them smile from ear to ear.

THE SAPPY SET

A couple that wants to revel in the ideals of utopian love need a movie that will fulfill every facet of romance. No movie does this better than "The Notebook."

The film is the classic account of two lovers who are separated by a man's departure for war. When Noah (Ryan Gosling) returns from battle, he discovers that the love he left behind has moved on and left him behind.

Wrestling with his sorrow, Noah purchases the house that his love, Allie (Rachel McAdams), cited as her dream

Noah works on the house day and night, hoping Allie will return to him.

It is a tale of true love and its ability to survive the most heart-wrenching, devastating moments in life. "The Notebook" proves love can last a lifetime and beyond.

THE ACTION ATTRACTION

Shootouts, fistfights and assassinations fill the plot of the action-packed romance "Mr. and Mrs. Smith." A couple that cannot stand to sit through a barrage of mushy one-liners and steamy stares requires a film that provides a plethora of witty criticisms and evil glares.

John Smith (Brad Pitt) and Jane Smith (Angelina Jolie) have been married for several years and through those years, they have both kept a great secret from one another. John and Jane are both assassins and are working for opposing employers.

When both are hired to murder the same man, they discover the truth of each other's occupations. Their employers then charge John and Jane with assassinating each

The viewers watch a series of murder attempts and extreme action as bullets fly and love is left on the rocks.





Hungary?

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Couples celebrate Valentine's Day in nontraditional ways

By Moira Niebauer KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Valentine's Day might be the one day a year when nearly every couple celebrates their relationship. They exchange gifts, go out to eat and go see a movie. But not every couple is typical.

ROMANCE WITH CHILDREN

Architecture students are known for working into the late hours of the night. Abe Beezley, graduate student in architecture, is no exception, but he also has a 3-year-old and two 18-month-olds keeping him up

two 18-month-olds keeping him up.

Beezley and his wife, Jami, have been married for eight years, and nearly five years ago, Beezley decided to return to school. In Beezley's second year of school, the couple welcomed their son, Vaughn, into the world, and less than two years later, they had twins, Brecht and Grier.

Because Jami works full time as a nurse and Abe spends much of his time with schoolwork, Abe said planning a romantic evening does not usually seem feasible.

"As life progresses, things get more complicated, and time is short, so I doubt we'll be spending Valentine's Day together," Abe said. "Anymore, we don't make plans, but we do find time on some level to express our intimacy. In general, if you can do something unexpected, spontaneous, it helps a lot. It can be something simple to say, 'I appreciate what you do and who you are'. It doesn't have to be a gift."

As for this Valentine's Day, Abe doesn't expect much of a break in the couple's schedule.

"If Jami has to work, I will do my normal routine of putting the kids to bed and then working on my schoolwork," he said. "If she doesn't have to work, we'll be wrestling to put the kids down at a decent time, and then we'll get to spend an extra hour together. We'll probably get a nice bottle of wine, make a nice dinner, and then we'll sit and talk.

"It'll be a late-night affair, as always."

CONNECTING ACROSS THE MILES

When Ellen Guilfoyle, junior in political science, and her

now-fiancé began to talk about getting engaged, one thing Guilfoyle knew for sure was that she didn't want a ring. She wanted a cappuccino maker.

This nontraditional couple has been together for five years but has never been able to spend Valentine's Day together. However, Guilfoyle describes their relationship as realistic and said they focus on the time they have together.

Guilfoyle and her fiancé, Matthew Powell, a Navy corpsman serving with the Marines, met in his hometown, Little Rock, Ark., where Guilfoyle was participating in a beauty pageant. Because Powell moves often with the Navy, the pair has always had a long-distance relationship.

To celebrate Valentine's Day, Powell and Guilfoyle usually find a time to get together around the holiday because it is often hard to meet on the day itself. They also celebrate Powell's birthday, which is Feb. 15, when they get together.

This year, though Guilfoyle will spend Valentine's Day working a double shift, Powell will fly to Manhattan from California the following weekend.

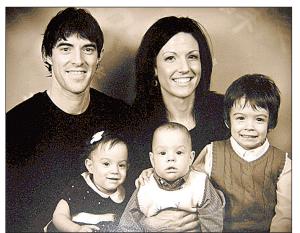
"I'm going to cook for him," she said. "Then we are going to a movie, then coming home just to cuddle and spend time together. For other long-distance couples on Valentine's Day, if you can't meet on that day, find another time to meet. You can make any day special for the two of you."

LOVE FOR THE NEEDY

For many, opening a gift from a significant other and finding that the present is a cow in another country would be disconcerting. However, that is exactly how Jessie Freyermuth and Chelsey Fritch will celebrate this Valentine's Day.

Freyermuth, graduate student in vocal performance, and Fritch, senior in music theater, decided to put money toward a cause they cared about instead of buying holiday gifts for each other after they started dating about a year and a half ago. The couple supports Heifer International.

"It's a great organization dedicated to ending hunger and world poverty," Fritch said. "The family receives the gifts and is given extensive training about agriculture. Then the animals mate, and the family gives the offspring to a neighbor or



COURTES

Abe Beezley, graduate student in architecture, and his wife, **Jami,** will try to celebrate Valentine's Day despite busy schedules with school, work and raising 3-year-old son **Vaughn** and 18-month-old twins **Brecht** and **Grier.**

friend, and it becomes a chain of goodness. It is a sort of payit-forward idea."

The couple has pledged to give \$10 each month and extra around the holidays.

Freyermuth and Fritch will each spend Feb. 14 working, and they plan to celebrate another day doing something like making a meal that allows them to spend time together.

"We think every day should be more like Valentine's Day," Freyermuth said. "I grew up seeing my dad leaving little gifts for my mom just because, and I think that is important. You love each other every day regardless."

Fritch said gifts don't have to be jewelry or chocolates. "For us on Valentine's Day," she said, "the love of people is a lot more important than your love of just one person."

Singles can find interesting ways to spend the holiday of love

Single on Valentine's Day? You're not

According to *www.maximalhappiness. com*, the U.S. Census Bureau estimates that more than 80 million people will spend Valentine's Day single.

Even if being single is pretty common, what's a single person to do on such an occasion? Without a candlelit night and a significant other, having fun on Valentine's Day is still possible.

Trade Valentine's cards. It's something silly to do with friends while reliving elementary school.

Throw a Valentine's Day party – or an Anti-Valentine's Day party, if you prefer. Any excuse to have a party, right?

If you are invited to a Valentine's Day party, consider going. There's a good chance you'll meet other singles.

Have a movie or game night with friends. Invite everyone to bring movies, board games or video games and celebrate Valentine's Day that way. Also, friends can pitch in by bringing food or drinks.

Exercise. While Valentine's Day might be a typical excuse for eating all the chocolate and candy you want, break away from the norm. You won't only be improving your health, but you will also feel more relaxed and sleep better.

Be selfish. You don't have to worry about buying gifts for someone else, so feel free to spend some money on yourself.

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Or if you are low on cash, think about the money you save not having to buy some-

thing for someone else.

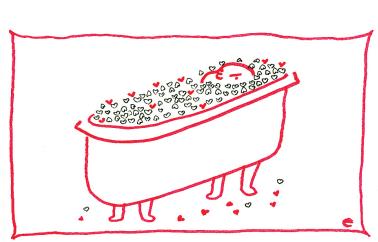
Give yourself something to look forward to, like planning a weekend trip or spring break escapades.

Do what you want. Get out and try something new. Spend the day lounging around watching movies. The only person you have to care about is you.

Remember, it is just another day. Forget the hype and treat it like any other day. Life will be normal again on Feb. 15 – well, until next year.

Valentine's Specials

—Compiled by Jacie Noel







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"I think it's something that every K-State student should be involved in because it's [the donations] completely going back towards their fellow students," Loeb said, "and their \$10 donation could be the difference in keeping another student at K-State."

K-State president Jon Wefald and his wife Ruth Ann have been named 2009 honorary co-chairmen of the campaign. The Wefalds have been active donors to the campaign and serve as spokespersons. The Wefalds will also be hosting a celebration event in the Union from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, when they will unveil the total earnings for this year's campaign.

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"Besides our slogan of students helping students," said Zac Buckmiller, senior in architectural engineering and co-marketing chair for K-State Proud, "we're kind of going off of 'an idea to a tradition.' About three years ago, our goal was \$3,500, and the second year was \$70,000, now our goal is \$100,000. We are trying to keep this alive as a tradition by trying to get the younger students involved."

Buckmiller said the idea of students wearing their K-State Proud shirts at crucial basketball games has become an opportunity to showcase how students treat other students and care about K-State.

"It really is students helping other students, and we want people to know that wearing the shirts at a basketball game is a way to show it," Buckmiller said.

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